

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A playback apparatus comprising:

a playback unit which plays back predetermined information;

5 an accommodation unit which accommodates a detachable recording medium; and

a controller which causes the playback unit to access to the recording medium accommodated in the accommodation unit according to a first communication standard and causes an external apparatus to access to the recording medium according to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard.

2. A playback apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first communication standard is the PCMCIA (PC Memory Card International Association) standard, and the second standard is the ATA (AT Attachment) standard.

3. A playback apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:

a first switch element interposed between a terminal which receives a signal from the external apparatus and the accommodation unit and a second switch element interposed between the playback unit and accommodation unit,

25 wherein when the playback unit accesses to the recording medium accommodated in the accommodation

unit, the controller turns off the first switch element and turns on the second switch element, and when the external apparatus accesses to the recording medium, the controller turns on the first switch element and
5 turns off the second switch element.

4. A playback apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a USB-ATA bridge which receives a USB standard signal from the external apparatus, converts the USB standard signal into an ATA standard
10 signal, and supplies the ATA standard signal to the recording medium.

5. A playback apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the playback apparatus accesses to the recording medium accommodated in the accommodation unit according to the first communication standard through
15 a PCMCIA slot.

6. A playback apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording medium is accessed from the external apparatus according to the second
20 communication standard through a USB terminal.

7. A playback apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording medium is supplied with an audio file from the external apparatus according to the second communication standard through the USB terminal,
25 and the playback unit plays back the audio file.

8. An access method of a playback apparatus comprising a playback unit which plays back

predetermined information, an accommodation unit which accommodates a detachable recording medium, and a controller, the access method comprising:

causing the playback unit to access to the
5 recording medium accommodated in the accommodation unit according to a first communication standard; and

causing an external apparatus to access to the recording medium according to a according to a second communication standard different from the first
10 communication standard.

9. An access method of a playback apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the first communication standard is the PCMCIA (PC Memory Card International Association) standard, and the second standard is the
15 ATA (AT Attachment) standard.

10. An access method of a playback apparatus according to claim 8 comprising a first switch element interposed between a terminal for receiving a signal from the external apparatus and the accommodation unit
20 and a second switch element interposed between the playback unit and accommodation unit, the access method comprising;

causing, when the playback unit accesses to the recording medium accommodated in the accommodation
25 unit, the controller to turn off the first switch element and to turn on the second switch element and causing, when the external apparatus accesses to the

recording medium, the controller to turn on the first switch element and turns off the second switch element.

11. An access method of a playback apparatus according to claim 8, comprising receiving a USB
5 standard signal from the external apparatus, converting the USB standard signal into an ATA standard signal using a USB-ATA bridge, and supplying the ATA standard signal to the recording medium.

12. An access method of a playback apparatus
10 according to claim 8, wherein the playback unit accesses to the recording medium accommodated in the accommodation unit according to the first communication standard through a PCMCIA slot.

13. An access method of a playback apparatus
15 according to claim 8, wherein the recording medium is accessed from the external apparatus according to the second communication standard through a USB terminal.

14. An access method of a playback apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the recording medium is
20 supplied with an audio file from the external apparatus according to the second communication standard through a USB terminal; and the playback unit plays back the audio file.